

Des Moines Public Schools
2003-2004 School Calendar

(For employee schedules, please refer to the Human Resources calendar.)

2003

July

- 4 Holiday — no classes, offices closed
- 28 10½-month teachers and administrators report

August

- 14 First-year teachers report per contract
- 15 First-year teachers report per contract
- 18 All teachers report
- 19 All teachers report
- 20 All teachers report
- 21 **First day of school — no early dismissal**

September

- 1 Holiday — no classes, offices closed
- 9 School board election
- 17 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 26 Staff development for teachers— no student classes

October

- 15 Conferences — classes will be held, 90-minute early dismissal for all students
Teachers on duty from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. for conferences
- 16 Conferences — no classes
Teachers on duty from 12:15 p.m. until 8 p.m. for conferences
- 17 No classes (optional for all teachers)

November

- 12 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 26 20-minute early dismissal for all students
- 27-28 Holidays — no classes, offices closed

December

- 19 20-minute early dismissal for all students
- 22-31 Winter recess (through January 2) — no classes
- 25-26 Holidays — offices closed

2004

January

- 1-2 Holidays — offices closed
Winter recess (continuation) — no classes
- 5 First day of school after winter recess
- 16 End of first semester — no early dismissal
- 19 No classes (in-service day, required for all teachers)
- 20 First day of second semester

February

- 11 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)

March

- 10 Conferences — classes will be held, 90-minute early dismissal for all students
Teachers on duty from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. for conferences
- 11 Conferences — no classes
Teachers on duty from 12:15 p.m. until 8 p.m. for conferences
- 12 No classes (optional for all teachers)
- 22-26 Spring recess — no classes

April

- 14 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 23 No high school classes (in-service day for high school teachers)

May

- 27 Last day of school for elementary & middle schools — dismissal after a half day, lunch will be served in elementary schools (in-service half day for elementary and middle school teachers)
- 28 Last day of school for high schools — no early dismissal (in-service day for elementary and middle school teachers)
- 31 Holiday — no classes, offices closed

June

- 1-4 * Reserved — inclement weather make-up days
(Additional days may be necessary.)
- 11 10½-month administrators complete work

*** Additional inclement weather make-up days may be necessary.**

Emergency Schedule Changes

When school is closed or dismissed early, information is made available through several media:

- Cable Channel 12, DMPS channel
- www.dmps.k12.ia.us
- Local radio and television stations

Please consult one of these sources for information on changes in school schedules.

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